

CAVELL CASE RECALLS THAT OF MISS VAN LEW

German "Kultur" and Richmond Wartime Civilization in Sharp Contrast.

MISS VAN LEW'S UNIQUE CAREER

Furnished Federal Army With Its Most Important Information as to Events in Richmond and Aided in Escape of Prisoners of War.

In Brussels the German government has put to death Edith Cavell, an English nurse, because she gave shelter to her countrymen in the hour of distress.

In America, half a century earlier, Elizabeth Van Lew, a spy, harbored in her home secret agents of the enemy, supplied the enemy with information through a long period of the war and finally aided in the escape of prisoners of war. She went unpunished and was permitted to live in peace and comfort in the country and community she had betrayed, passing away in 1900 at the ripe old age of 88.

The parallel afforded by the two cases is of interest at this time. It shows the striking contrast between the boasted "Kultur" of Germany in time of war and the humane policy of America as recorded in history.

Before she was sent to an ignominious execution, the English nurse, who was moved by compassion to the merciful deeds she performed, was incarcerated ten weeks in a military prison at St. Gilles. Her body was buried near the scene of execution, request for its delivery to the School of Nurses of which she was the directress being denied.

CONTRAST BETWEEN TREATMENT OF NURSE AND OF MISS VAN LEW

The fate of the English nurse recalls vividly to the memory of old residents of Richmond the Elizabeth Van Lew case. The body of Elizabeth Van Lew, the spy, rests in Shaker Hill Cemetery, Richmond. A bronze tablet set in the face of a great gray stone that marks her grave bears this inscription:

"She risked everything that is dear to man—friends, fortune, comfort, health, life itself, all for the one absorbing desire of her heart—that slavery might be abolished and the Union preserved. This boulder from the Capitol Hill in Boston is a tribute from Massachusetts friends."

When the war between the States broke out, Elizabeth Van Lew, living in the handsome mansion on Church Hill, was a Union sympathizer. Her zeal was so great that she quickly became an object of suspicion. This suspicion was so strong that the loyal women of Richmond socially ostracized her. Yet she was never imprisoned or

subjected to harsh treatment by the Confederate military authorities, although she was kept under strict surveillance.

MUCH MILITARY INFORMATION FURNISHED FEDERAL ARMY.

The Federal authorities admitted after the war that a greater part of the military information received from Richmond by the Army of the Potomac was collected and transmitted by this shrewd, keen-witted, daring woman. She established five secret stations for forwarding her cipher dispatches, a chain of relay points the further and more secret the headquarters of Gen. George H. Sharpe, chief of the Bureau of Military Information. The Richmond end of the chain was the old Van Lew mansion. The house occupied the entire block on Grace Street now the site of the Bellevue Public School. Many of the Federal prisoners who escaped from Libby prison found refuge within the portals of this old mansion, which owes its fame to the disloyalty of its mistress.

The most famous of the escapes in which Miss Van Lew aided was that of Colonel Streight, the noted raider, who with eighteen other men, was captured by General Forrest and imprisoned in Libby. Colonel Streight tunneled his way out and he and his comrades found refuge with Miss Van Lew until opportunity permitted them to escape from the city.

WAS PROMINENT SOCIALLY BEFORE OUTBREAK OF WAR

Before the war Miss Van Lew was prominent socially. Many noted men and women were entertained at the mansion, among them Frederick Bremer, the distinguished Swedish author; Chief Justice Marshall, Edgar Allan Poe and Jenny Lind. Her guests included the Lees, Robinsons, Cabells, Wickhams, Adamses and Carringtons.

"Betty" Van Lew, as she was familiarly known, was a woman of forty years, of delicate physique and small figure, at the time she began her work for the Federal government. The whole country marveled when the extent of her operations as a spy became known, so incredible they seemed.

At the mansion on Church Hill, constantly watched by military and police authorities, this Federal spy received and harbored the agents of the enemy, who stole into the city at the risk of their lives to carry back to the Federal army the information she had collected. When no Federal agents could reach her she sent her own servants as messengers through the Confederate lines. At different times she concealed in the house escaped Union prisoners from Castle Thunder, Belle Isle and Libby.

GOT INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS IN LIBBY

Much of the information she transmitted was received from Union prisoners in Libby. Access to them was made possible by the indulgence of the Confederate officers, who permitted her to bring gingerbread, butter and other gifts to the imprisoned soldiers. These

men furnished her with much more information than might be supposed possible. From the many windows of the prison, in the heart of the city, and from within the stockade at Belle Isle much in the way of military operations could be observed. The prisoners were thus enabled to give Miss Van Lew an intelligent estimate of the strength of the passing troops and supply trains, whose destination they were in the hospital and guards in the prisons. These scraps of information were of great value to the woman spy when put together.

Throughout the war there passed between Miss Van Lew and the prisoners an almost uninterrupted exchange of question and answer, by which the Federal armies derived their best information from Richmond.

GRANT APPOINTED HER POSTMASTER OF RICHMOND

When Richmond was captured by the enemy General Grant sent a special guard, under command of Colonel Parke, to protect Miss Van Lew's property. Fifteen days after his inauguration, President Grant appointed the woman spy, who had served the Union so well, postmaster of this city. Subsequently she obtained a clerkship in the Postoffice Department at Washington. Failing in health and strength, she was unable properly to attend to the duties. She resigned her position, although in reduced circumstances, and returned to Richmond.

The latter years of her life were spent in quiet and comfort, an annuity having been provided for her by Colonel Paul Rogers, of Massachusetts, one of the Federal officers she had aided when he was a prisoner in Libby.

ONLY ONE FOR ACQUITTAL

Jury in Brooker Case Overwhelmingly for Conviction, Says Foreman Cheatwood.

That only one man stood between Dr. Boyce D. Brooker and conviction in the United States District Court for alleged violations of the Harrison anti-narcotic act, was current gossip in the city yesterday. The inference was drawn from a statement of W. A. Cheatwood, foreman of the jury, who said "the biggest kind of a majority was for conviction." In any event, not many more than that number must have stood out for the acquittal of the accused physician.

The retrial of Dr. Brooker in December is looked forward to with a great deal of interest. Whether or not the physical condition of Attorney William M. Justis, Jr., who, together with Attorney Alfred E. Cohen, conducted the defense, will permit him to figure in the second trial, is problematical. He told the court Friday that he was almost on the verge of collapse, and would be obliged to take a course of treatment before attempting any work.

PHYSICIANS TO MEET FOR YEARLY CONFERENCE

Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of Medical Society of Virginia Opens Tuesday.

HOLD SYMPOSIUM ON CANCER

Distinguished Surgeons to Take Part in Discussion—Local Committees Arrange Attractive Entertainment Program—Over 500 Expected.

Among the features of the forty-sixth annual convention of the Medical Society of Virginia, which meets Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel for a four-day session, will be a symposium on cancer held Thursday night from 8 to 10:30 o'clock. Many distinguished experts, including Dr. W. L. Rodman, of Philadelphia; Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood and Thomas R. Cullen, of Baltimore; and Dr. C. G. Coleman and J. Shelton Horsley, of this city, will address the physicians.

More than 500 physicians are expected to attend the convention, and elaborate preparations are being made for their entertainment. The initial meeting will be called to order by Dr. Thomas W. Murrell, chairman of the committee on arrangements. Rev. T. A. Smoot, D. D., pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, will deliver the invocation, and Mayor Ainslie will welcome the visitors to the city. Dr. A. L. Tynes, of Staunton, will respond to the Mayor's address of welcome.

The address of the president, Dr. Samuel Lile, of Lynchburg, will follow.

and then the following papers of general interest will be read:

Reminiscence History of the Medical Society of Virginia for the Past Forty-Six Years, Dr. John N. Upshur, of Richmond.

"The Custodial Care of the Feeble-Minded," Dr. L. T. Royster, of Norfolk. A Personal Estimate of the Diagnostic Value of Psycho-Analysts in Nervous Diseases, Dr. J. Allison Hodges, of Richmond.

Entertainment and clinics given by the Richmond profession to the visiting physicians:

Tuesday, October 26, 10:30 P. M.—Smoker at the Jefferson Hotel.

Wednesday, 1:30 P. M.—Oyster roast or barbecue; 10:30 P. M., roof garden entertainment at the Westmoreland Club.

Thursday, 1 to 3 P. M.—Clinics, medical and surgical; 5 to 6 P. M., reception by the Governor of Virginia at the Governor's Mansion; 10:30 P. M., reception, supper and dance at the Jefferson Hotel.

Friday, 8 to 10 P. M.—Clinics, medical and surgical.

The local committee on arrangements is composed of the following: Dr. J. Shelton Horsley, chairman; Dr. J. Allison Hodges, Charles W. Carrington, J. Allison Hodges, E. G. Williams, Paul W. Hoyle, A. L. Gray, W. L. Teple, S. N. Michaels and John N. Upshur.

The officers and executive council of the Medical Society of Virginia are: President, Dr. Samuel Lile, Lynchburg; Vice-presidents, Dr. Samuel B. Moore, Alexandria; Dr. Joseph T. Burton, Newport News; and Dr. J. W. Preston, Roanoke; Treasurer, Dr. Mark W. Peyser, Richmond; and Secretary, Dr. Paulus A. Irving, Farmville.

Executive council: Dr. H. Stuart Maclean, chairman; Dr. T. W. Murrell, clerk.

State at large: Dr. W. F. Dewey, Dr. Powhatan Moncreux, Dr. H. Stuart Maclean, Dr. George T. Tompkins, Dr.

T. W. Murrell. First District, Dr. H. D. Howe; Second District, Dr. J. C. S. Tallaferra; Third District, Dr. McIntire Newton; Fourth District, Dr. J. Crawford; Fifth District, Dr. H. S. Belt; Sixth District, Dr. John R. Garnett; Seventh District, Dr. L. M. Allen; Eighth District, Dr. F. M. Brooks; Ninth District, Dr. H. H. Woodling; Tenth District, Dr. W. F. Hartman. Entertainment at Westmoreland Club. Entertainments given by the Richmond profession to the visiting guests: Tuesday, 10:30 P. M.—Attend smoker at the Jefferson Hotel with the society. Wednesday, 1 P. M.—Luncheon at Country Club of Virginia; 8:30 P. M.—Theater party.

Thursday, 1 P. M.—Luncheon, 4:30 to 6 P. M.—Reception by the Governor of Virginia at the Governor's mansion; 9:30 P. M.—Reception, supper and dance at the Jefferson Hotel.

The privilege of the Woman's Club of Richmond are extended to the visitors on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Sent to Grand Jury.

William Saunders, colored, was sent on to the grand jury from the police court yesterday on two charges of housebreaking. Policeman Latham, of the Second Precinct, arrested the man on charges of breaking into the house of Jesse Davis, 715 North Second Street, and stealing a pair of trousers, valued at \$10, and with breaking into the house of Lucy Terrell, 750 North Third Street, and stealing clothes valued at \$15, and a bracelet valued at \$5.

Junior Choir at St. John's.

A Junior choir has been formed at St. John's Episcopal Church, under the direction of J. W. Starnes, and Miss Grace Schermerhorn. Twenty-five members have already been enrolled, and it is expected to increase this number. The Junior choir will hold weekly rehearsals on each Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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